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T H I R D C O N G R E S S
OF THE
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AT THE FIRST SESSION,

Begun and held at the City of PHILADELPHIA, in the state of Pennsylvania,
on Monday, the second of December, one thousand seven
hundred and ninety-three.

*An ACT for the remission of the Duties arising on the Tonnage of sundry French
vessels which have taken refuge in the Ports of the United States.*

WHEREAS the disastrous situation of the town of Cape-Francois, in the island of Hispaniola, compelled sundry vessels belonging to citizens of the French Republic, in the month of June last, to take refuge within the ports of the United States : and whereas they are liable by law to the payment of foreign tonnage, which, considering the necessity of their case, ought equitably to be remitted to them : Therefore,

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the duties on the tonnage, to which any of the vessels aforesaid are, or may have been liable, within any of the ports of the United States, be, and are hereby remitted : Provided nevertheless, That the master, owner or consignee, of every such vessel shall make proof to the proper officer of the port in which such vessel may be, that the said vessel was compelled to leave the said island of Hispaniola, and to take refuge within the said port, by reason of the calamity aforesaid.

FREDERICK AUGUSTUS MUHLENBERG,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

JOHN ADAMS, *Vice-President of the United States,
and President of the Senate.*

APPROVED—March the seventh 1794.

G^o: WASHINGTON, *President of the United States.*

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